

AN
ACCOUNT
Of a Late, Horrid and Bloody MASSACRE in
IRELAND,

Of several thousands of Protestants; procur'd
and carry'd on by the L. Tyrconnel
and his Adherents.

Which Occasioned the English, under the Conduct of the Lords Grenard, Mountjoy, &c. To seize and secure the said Tyrconnel, in the Castle of Dublin, in order to be sent for England.

From the death of the late King Charles the
the Second, of blessed Memory, the Irish
date their Happiness; and from the first Promo-
tion of Mr. Talbot, to the Earldom of Tyr-
connel, they conclude on the continuance of it:
the crafty Priests to raise the Natives Zeal to the
Cause, having Insinuated, by way of Prophecy,
into their Minds, That one of that Title should
free them from the Slavery of the r Conque-
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dependent of all other Nations: And that, as I have been credibly inform'd, made the now Governour Sue to the King for that particular Title, by which he did not only satisfy his own Ambition, but rais'd his Reputation so among the Irish, as they look'd upon him now no otherwise than their Guardian Angel and Deliverer. And now being Commissioned by the King, first to be Check-Master General to the Army, and presently after Lord Deputy, and General Governour (though directly contrary to an Act of Parliament, which admits of no Irishman born to that Office) his first business was to new Model the Army, which in one Years time he did so effectually, that of seven or eight thousand, there was hardly one Hundred Officers and Soldiers of the English left; the Name of Protestant or Englishman, being a Crime too great to be suffered in any Military or Civil Imployment, he having the whole disposal of all the first, and most of the other. Having now secured, and rendered himself Formidable to the

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Protestants, his next care was to ruine the Interest and Estates of all the English throughout the Kingdom; which he struck at by making Irish Papists Judges, in the Courts of Judicature, by dissolving the Charters, by packing of juries, Suborning Witnesses, discountenancing the Protestant Councils, &c. So that in most Causes, especially in the court of Exchequer; not the Right, but the Religion of the Defendant was chiefly considered: By this time Matters grew to such a Head, that His Lordship thought it necessary to disarm the Protestants throughout the Kingdom; but this Resolve not proving very effectual, he proceeded to weaken the English first, and afterwards to provoke them by publick calumnies and reproaches, branding all protestants promiscuously, with the title of whiggs and rebels; the commonalty threatening daily what they would do if the King should Die, protesting with bitter execrations, that they would never part with the sword now they had it, and daily marking out to

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themselves such and such proportions of the English Estates: All this notwithstanding, the English patiently bore, making no other return than by applying themselves to some of the English Nobility, who represented their Case to the King, though without Redress: But now the apprehensions of the Prince of Orange's Coming to England, being made known, Tryconnel presently takes the Alarm, and resolving on all the Injuries done to the English, made no doubt of their inclination to revenge ; therefore no sooner the News of the Dutch landing arriv'd, but he sends his Emissary's to exasperate the Irish, by telling them that the English had sent for the Dutch to cut off the King, and destroy the Catholics throughout the three Kingdoms ; so that in several places the Irish rose and destroyed several Families ; the Deputy Issuing out at the same time, an Order to disarm all the Protestants ; resolving that if matters miscaried here in England, to cut them all off, and set up for himself,

according to the Sham-prophecy aforementioned. But the **Earl of Grenard**, a very Noble and Worthy Protestant, and one exceeding powerful in the North, where the chief of the English strength lies; bearing of this Order, went boldly to the Deputy, desiring to know if he had Order from the King to disarm the Protestants, and desiring to see it, was refus'd: whereupon he told his Lordship plainly, it should not be executed, if he could hinder it; and communicating presently the Design, to the rest of the Protestant Nobility and Gentry; then forthwith sent Intelligence to all parts, with Advice to stand in their own defence to the utmost: which we hope, with some speedy Assistance from England, will preserve that Interest in the Kingdom, which the Protestants with their Blood, have dearly bought.

For this seasonable Intelligence, being well digested, by the Nobility and Gentry of the English Interest; they presently importune the **Earl of Inchiquen**, to make an early provision against the

palpable, and now no longer doubted designs of the Irish; who thereupon immediately summons his party, already, though privately prepar'd for the business, so that in less than Ten days time, he had well nigh Eight Thousand Men, well appointed, and resolv'd to oppose the common Enemy: in the meantime the Lords Grenard and Mountjoy, were not idle in Dublin, in making parties, and securing the English Militia, or Trained-bands to their designs; not doubting that if they could secretly and seasonably seize the Lord Tyrconnel, they might with very little effusion of Blood, secure the whole Kingdom; so that now there seem'd nothing wanting, but a good pretence to send away all, or most of the Army, remaining in, and about Dublin, nor could this be wanting, considering the necessity of quelling the growth of Inchiqueen's party; for matters being come to a head, and my Lord Mountjoy's Regiment being ordered to march towards the Enemy, before they were well got fifteen miles from

the City, the Militia at an hour appointed, rush unanimously into the Castle of Dublin, seizing immediatly all the Gates, Ports, . Avenues and Guards; while the Lords Grenard and Mountjoy (who upon some feigned pretence) staid a while behind his Regiment with others, laid hold on the Lord Tyrconnel, putting him immediatly under a strong Guard; and leaving a sufficient number to keep the Castle and City: the Militia, with what additional Forces they could appoint, out of the Protestants, that came in voluntarily to assist in the Business, made up a formidable Body, to resist the Irish; who upon the News, were coming back to the rescue of the Deputy; but perceivng such an unexpected number, ready to oppose them, they presently dispersed, so that the Castle and City were without much noise secured to the English, and the Lord Tyrconnel ready to be delivered into the Hands of Justice : the consequences of this Action are greater, than can readily be supposed; for beside the disabling that

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pretence of Authority by which they might then seem justly to act, we have weakned the hopes and expectations of those who reposed on Tyrconnel as an Infallible power. So that with those Forces that are said to be raising in the North, by the Interest of the Lords Grenard, Mazarine, Mountjoy, and others; by the Lord Inchiquen, and the English Nobility and Gentry of Munster, and the Protestants in and about Dublin; It is not doubted, but by the help of God, that Kingdom may happily be relieved in a very short time, with as little loss of Blood, or otherwise, as England; which we hope and heartily pray for, &c.